

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain present in this application.

The aforementioned changes to the drawings have been made to improve their quality and to comply with the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is present in the attached replacement drawing sheets. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of any objection to the drawings are respectfully requested.

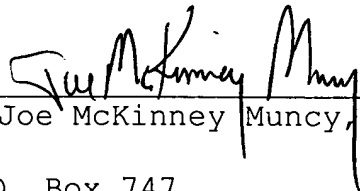
Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Replacement Drawing Sheets